

## Western Sand Darter *Ammocrypta clara*

**Habitat Preference:** Prefer large streams or rivers with slight to moderate current with a sandy bottom

**Threats:**

- Deteriorating habitat quality due to siltation and nutrient runoff; this species is intolerant of polluted water. Western sand darters are a water quality indicator species.
- Channelization
- Dredging

**Appropriate Practices:**

- Create buffers along water bodies to filter sediment and nutrients out of runoff.
- Improve management of nutrients and reduce nutrient delivery to streams and rivers.
- Allow streams and rivers to meander naturally.

